



June 2, 2010

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M. Kevin Willis, CEO Traveling Angels Security, Inc. 8365 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Room 203 Miami, FL 33138

Re: INQ 10-99, Contract limitations for Traveling Angels Security, Inc.

Dear Mr. Willis:

In correspondence to our office on May 26, 2010, you asked if any ethics conflicts prevent your privately owned company, Traveling Angels Security, Inc., from entering into a contract with Miami-Dade County.

THE FACTS as you presented them are that Traveling Angels Security, Inc., a forprofit corporation owned by you, provides guard services and training. Your daughter, Corenthia Willis, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation as a Correctional Officer.

IT IS THE OPINION of the Ethics Commission staff that Traveling Angels Security, Inc., may enter into contracts with the County, but not with the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation because of your daughter's employment with the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation.

THE COUNTY ETHICS CODE at Section 2-11.1 (c) allows your company to do business with Miami-Dade County as long as the contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your daughter's duties to the County. This includes the condition that Corenthia Willis not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of Corenthia Willis's job responsibilities and job descriptions may require her to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, Corenthia Willis may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract.

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Singerely,

VIĆTORIA FRIGO

Staff Attorney

copy: Corenthia Willis

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